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**Chairman Shays to Hold Hearing on  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission Facility Security Standards**

(Washington, DC) -- Rep. Christopher Shays (CT-4), Chairman of the House Government Reform Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations, today announced the panel will convene an oversight hearing to examine Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) efforts to set security standards for nuclear power facilities.

The hearing will be held Tuesday, April 4, 2:00p.m. in room 2247 of the Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C. Witnesses from the NRC, the nuclear power industry and private organizations will discuss the pace and rigor of the process used by the NRC to establish post-9/11 security rules, called the "Design Basis Threat," at civilian nuclear facilities.

"Without doubt, nuclear power plants are attractive targets to terrorists," Shays said. "Real questions remain how and when the seriousness of that threat will be fully reflected in the implementation of critical countermeasures at reactor plants."

At the hearing, the Government Accountability Office will release a report requested by the Subcommittee entitled, *Nuclear Power Plants: Efforts Made to Upgrade Security, but the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Design Basis Threat Process Should be Improved.*

## **WITNESSES**

### **PANEL ONE**

**Mr. Jim Wells,**  
Director, Natural Resources and Environment,  
U.S. Government Accountability Office

**The Honorable Nils Diaz**  
Chairman,  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Accompanied by:

*The Honorable Gregory B. Jaczko, Commissioner*

*The Honorable Edward McGaffigan, Jr., Commissioner*

*The Honorable Jeffrey S. Merrifield, Commissioner*

### **PANEL TWO**

**The Honorable Richard Blumenthal**  
Attorney General, State of Connecticut

**Ms. Danielle Brian**  
Executive Director,  
Project of Government Oversight

**Mr. Marvin Fetel**  
Vice President and Chief Nuclear Officer,  
Nuclear Energy Institute

Mr. Chris Crane  
President and Chief Nuclear Officer,  
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